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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Long Beach – 88 Pounds of Cocaine Interdicted

(U) A Canadian man was arrested after police found 88 pounds of cocaine in his vehicle during a traffic stop. During the investigation, authorities searched the vehicle and requested the assistance of a drug-sniffing K9. The drugs were found in two large duffle bags that contained 35 “bricks” of cocaine, with each brick weighing two and a half pounds. Officers arrested and charged Joel Benedict Medina of Vancouver, Canada with possession for sale and transportation of cocaine.

SOURCE: 11 July 2017, [Long Beach Post](#)

(U) Los Angeles – UCLA Bomb Threat Prompts Evacuations

(U) Police responded to a bomb threat at a UCLA recreation center Wednesday night and evacuated several residence halls at the Westwood campus. Evacuation began approximately at 10:00 PM Wednesday night and evacuees were let back into their quarters at approximately 12:20 AM Thursday morning. The telephonic bomb threat came hours after the conclusion of the first orientation program for new UCLA students.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [LA Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Oklahoma – Air Force Recruiting Center Bomber Suspect in Custody

(U) Tulsa – Benjamin Don Roden has been detained with suspected connections to the bombing of an Air Force recruiting center on 10 July (no injuries). Roden was arrested yesterday, but has not been officially charged. According to the FBI the incident is still under investigation and has not yet officially been ruled an act of Domestic Terrorism.

SOURCE: 12 July 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Cameroon - Suicide Bomb Attack Kills 14 Wounds 42

(U) Douala – Two suicide bombers killed 14 people and wounded 42 others in a small town in northern Cameroon. The attack was carried out by two women who walked into a busy area in the center of Waza, five miles (8 km) from the Nigerian border. No group claimed responsibility for the attack, but the region has been a frequent target of Boko Haram militants in their eight-year bid to carve out an Islamic caliphate beyond Nigeria.

SOURCE: 13 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Egypt - U.S. Department of Homeland Security Lifts Laptop Ban on EgyptAir

(U) Cairo – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said on Wednesday it has lifted a ban on state-owned EgyptAir passengers using laptops on U.S.-bound flights, leaving just two Middle Eastern airlines still under restrictions first imposed in March. The measures were imposed in March on nine airlines,

most of which were Middle Eastern carriers, to address the potential threat of hidden explosives in laptops and other devices.

SOURCE: 12 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Qatar – US and Qatar Sign Agreement to Help Combat Terrorism

(U) Doha – Qatar and the United States have signed an agreement to help combat "terrorism financing" during a visit to Doha by US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. Qatar is the first country to sign a memorandum of agreement with the United States. Qatar's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed said that the agreement does not have to do with recent tensions between Qatar and other countries in the region.

SOURCE: 11 July 2017, [Al Jazeera](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Western European Terrorist Attacks Increasing in Lethality

(U) London – The number of terrorist attacks resulting in fatalities in western Europe increased in 2016, despite an overall drop in the number of incidents taking place, according to data released by the Global Terrorism Database. The data shows that there were 30 such attacks resulting in fatalities in western Europe in 2016 and 23 in 2015. This compares with two attacks across the region resulting in fatalities in 2014 and five in 2013. In addition, terrorist attacks have become more deadly, with 26.5 people on average being killed in 2015 and 2016, up from an average of four a year in the preceding three years.

SOURCE: 12 July 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom - Extremists Turn to Smaller Social Media Platforms

(U) London – The success of companies such as Facebook and Twitter in using technology to spot and block accounts supporting terrorism has resulted in extremists using other online forums to distribute their groups' media and communications. Unlike the larger social networks, many smaller social media networks lack the resources to respond to police reports and monitor extremist activity.

SOURCE: 12 July 2017, [The Guardian](#)

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